

## House Resolution No. 708

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably help state government to provide its much-needed services and programs in the efficient, effective manner mandated by the public; and

**Whereas**, Tom Starnes has attained considerable distinction as a Youth Specialist at Camp Avery, which is a part of the Division of Youth Services in the Missouri Department of Social Services; and

**Whereas**, Tom Starnes recently enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he was selected as the Employee of the Year by his peers and coworkers at Camp Avery in Troy, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, Tom Starnes previously was selected as the Employee of the Month in March 2003, November 2004, August 2005, and October 2007 and was runner-up for Employee of the Year in 2003; and

**Whereas**, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, Tom Starnes grew up in Saint Louis, Missouri, and prepared for his lifelong endeavors by studying at McBride Catholic Preparatory, where he was the first black quarterback in the school's history; the University of Iowa; Harris Stowe Teachers College; and Southern Illinois University; and

**Whereas**, Tom Starnes is a trained Family Therapist who is certified by the Missouri Substance Abuse Counselors Certification Board as a Recognized Associate Substance Abuse Counselor; and

**Whereas**, Tom Starnes previously worked as a Group and Substance Abuse Counselor at Bridgeway Counseling Services and Preferred Family; and

**Whereas**, the beloved husband of Helen Garrick, Tom Starnes is justifiably proud also to be known as the loving father of Tamera, Rachel, and Jason:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Tom Starnes and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon being named as the Employee of the Year by his colleagues at Camp Avery; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Tom Starnes.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ed Schieffer  
District No. 11

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 708, adopted February 19, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker